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(2) On a vessel on a protected route, a watertight coaming with a height of at least 75 millimeters (3 inches) must be provided under each weathertight door in a cockpit or a well.

(3) The height of the watertight coaming for a hinged watertight door, need only be sufficient to accommo-

date the door.

### Subpart L—Ballast Systems

#### §116.1200 Ballast.

- (a) Any solid fixed ballast used to comply with the requirements of Parts  $170\,$  and  $171\,$  in subchapter S of this chapter must be:
- (1) Stowed in a manner that prevents shifting of the ballast; and
- (2) Installed to the satisfaction of the cognizant OCMI.
- (b) Solid fixed ballast may not be located forward of the collision bulkhead unless the installation and arrangement of the ballast and the collision bulkhead minimizes the risk of the ballast penetrating the bulkhead in a collision.
- (c) Solid fixed ballast may not be removed from a vessel or relocated unless approved by the cognizant OCMI except that ballast may be temporarily moved for a vessel examination or repair if it is replaced to the satisfaction of the OCMI.
- (d) Water ballast, either as an active system or permanent, must be approved by the Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Center.

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### Subpart A—General Provisions

# §117.10 Applicability to vessels on an international voyage.

A vessel on an international voyage subject to the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, (SOLAS) must meet the requirements in subchapter W of this chapter for passenger vessels in the same service, instead of the requirements of this part.

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### § 117.15 Applicability to existing vessels.

An existing vessel must comply with the requirements of this part except as otherwise specified by this section.

(a) Before March 11, 2001, or 10 years after the vessel's keel was laid or the